#### SCS ENGINEERS

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#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

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FROM:

David Hendron

SUBJECT:

Meeting with Tim Bartus - Distribution Supervisor Water Department

ATTENDEES:

Mr. Tim Bartus (Evanston DPW) and Mr. David M. Hendron (SCS

Engineers)

- 1. **Means of failure of the water main along Dodge Street** blowout, ground movement, age related deterioration. TB provided 6 maps showing the utilities in the vicinity of James Park (JP). They are shown in Attachments (ATT) 1 through 6 to this summary memo.
- 2. Attachment 1 (ATT 1) shows the approximate location of an unknown pipe that Public Works Department (PWD) first located in about 2004 when connections of the main water line along Dodge Street was made to the Dawes School. The approximate location of the excavation for the connection is shown as a pink line on ATT 1. The unknown pipe is a 10 to 12 inch diameter metal pipe that DPW has located at other points north of the Dawes School. DPW has done no investigation to see if the pipe is active. DPW assumes that the pipe is active. The pipe is generally less than 5 ft. deep below the grade of the area.
- 3. ATT 1 also shows where we excavated in the parkway near the Dawes School in an attempt to locate the unknown pipe. We did not find the pipe in the parkway. TB thinks that the pipe is a few feet east of the curb on Dodge Street. No further attempts were made to locate the pipe. TB said that the water line along Dodge Street between Oakton and Mulford will be replaced next year and the pipe can be located at that time.
- 4. TB said that the water line along Oakton west of Dodge was replaced in 2012 because of water main breaks. He did not have a map of the breaks in this area at this meeting. This map can probably be prepared in the future.
- 5. ATT 2 shows the locations of 12 water main breaks along Dodge Street south of Oakton to Mulford since the year 2000. TB attributed this breaks primarily to the age of the water main. TB did say that the water main in this area is "coated" with a 3" to 4" crust of black or dark brown organic appearing and smelling material. We took a sample of this material at a break that was being repaired at the corner of Mulford and Dodge during our investigation. We had chemistry testing on the crust material. Based on observations

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during this excavation, I estimated that the water main was about 8 ft. to 10 ft. deep. It was below the unknown pipe and significantly above the sewer pipes in the area.

- 6. ATT 3 shows the water lines that exist in the JP area and cross the JP complex from Mulford north to Oakton. These lines were installed relatively recently (1965) and were not discussed at any length.
- 7. ATT 4 shows the approximate area of the water lines that were recently replaced (2012) along Oakton Street west of Dodge Street.
- 8. ATT 5 is a sewer line map showing the locations of the main sewers in the JP area. There is a collection of sewers in the southwest corner of the landfill near the locations of GMP-1 and GMP-1a.
- 9. TB brought out the plans showing details of the storm sewer connections between the Evanston system and the MWRD TARP system. A copy of pertinent pages of these drawings is given in ATT 7 through ATT 9. There are two important points shown on these plans. First, there is a new 72 inch diameter sewer pipe installed that runs along essentially the entire south side of JP. Most of this pipe was installed using cut and cover construction to a bottom elevation from 0.0 ft. CCD to -6 ft. CCD. Second, drawing number 5221D-RS26-R1 shows the location of a 48" Gas Main (abandoned). TB said he knew nothing about this gas main prior to viewing the drawing today. The location of this gas main is reasonably near the southwest corner of the JP landfill where GMP-1 is showing the presence of high concentration of methane at pressure of 13 psi. There is no further information on the nature and extent of the 48" gas main in the Evanston DPW files.
- 10. ATT 6 shows the locations where sewer and other pipelines cross the channel to the MWRD facilities. We do not have detailed drawings for these crossings. We need to get these detailed drawings to see how deep the crossings were excavated among the other things these drawings may show.
- 11. TB and DMH agreed that it is probably not necessary at this point in time to do further excavation to locate the unknown pipe along Dodge Street. TB said that this could be done next year (2015) when the water line along Dodge Street is scheduled to be replaced.
- 12. DMH would like to get additional information on the nature and extent of the 48" Existing gas main (abandoned) shown on the Harza drawings and on the nature and extent of the channel crossings shown on the ATT 6 drawing from the Evanston DPW.

Attachments: 1 Through 7

DMH/lmh

















